

MAJOR INCIDENT REPORT

A SPECIAL REPORT FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CHIEF P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

INCIDENT:

Gorman Incident

TYPE OF INCIDENT:

County Vehicle Accident with two fatalities

DISTRICT/LOCATION:

Fifth Supervisorial District Eastbound Highway 138 at Quail Lake Road, Gorman T.B. Map F

DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE:

Tuesday, November 23, 2:17 p.m.

INJURIES/FATALITIES:

One inmate firefighter fatality and one civilian fatality

INVESTIGATION STATUS:

This incident is under investigation by the California Highway Patrol.

INCIDENT SUMMARY:

At 2:17 p.m., a Fire Department camp crew carrier carrying twelve inmates and Fire Department personnel was involved in a traffic collision with a passenger vehicle when it turned over along eastbound Highway 138 near Quail Lake Road in Gorman, resulting in two fatalities, including one inmate firefighter from Camp 14 and one civilian. A total of five patients sustained critical and moderate injuries; two were airlifted to Antelope Valley Hospital and three were airlifted to Holy Cross Hospital. Seven other victims with moderate to minor injuries were treated on scene and transported by ambulance to local hospitals.

Notifications have been made to the California Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, and the scene is under investigation. County Fire resources assigned to this incident include two trucks, three engine companies, four paramedic squads, one quint, two helicopters, one Heavy Rescue unit, one Urban Search and Rescue Task Force, one Emergency Support Team, plus one deputy chief, three battalion chiefs, and four Camp crew superintendents. California Highway Patrol, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and AMR Ambulance are also assisting on scene.

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